

3 THINGS TO DO



01 Creative deco

Get to explore some creative items such as decorative items, household materials, artefacts, and handicrafts from all over the country. The exhibition-cum-sale at Bengaluru Utsava brings more than 75 stalls that display goods from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

Where: White House Convention Centre, HSR Layout; **When:** until October 9



02 Best panel

With the aim of empowering India's entrepreneurs by exploring policies and partnerships for inclusive growth, The BO Show is all prepared for an extraordinary panel discussion. Don't miss this interesting landscape of entrepreneurship that brings various perspectives from panelists. **Where:** The Hub Bengaluru
When: October 5; 8 pm

03 Playwright scenes



Learn the art of playwriting through an amazing workshop, starting this month. The training is brought by Tahatto and is guided by award-winning playwright Prashanth Kumar Nair. **Where:** Online mode
When: Format 1: October 7 and 8; 3 pm to 5:30 pm, Format 2: October 7 to November 4

Metro: When travel plans are derailed

Green line of Namma Metro halts due to technical glitch; commuters take to social media about inconveniences faced while travelling to destinations

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As the metro green line hit a technical snag, inconvenienced commuters took to X (formerly Twitter) to air their demands. The issue was resolved by the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) team by 3:40 pm on Tuesday.

The BMRCL team announced on Tuesday morning that green line services would be affected due to a technical glitch at Rajajinagar metro station. Services would be only available between Nagasandra to Yeshwanthpur and Sampige Road to Silk Institute Metro Stations on the green line. Single-line operations were being done for metro train operations on the green line between Yeshwanthpur and Sampige Road Metro Stations to reduce the inconvenience to metro passengers. Meanwhile, due to the snag, thousands of commuters were affected.

"This is pathetic. There is no information at the entrance of stations about interruptions; your security team was not sensitised to announce that manually during the security check either. It's a surprise when you reach the platform," said Sugam Puttur (@SugamPuttur), an X user.

Many said that they were quite confused because of the delay. "I got into the metro at Jalahalli. I got a token issued



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to RV Road as I had to travel to Electronic City. But the metro is stuck near Rajajinagar on the line towards Majestic. They are shifting all passengers to another platform at Yeshwanthpur Metro," said Akshay (@Akshay962130), another X user.

"People are getting confused here. The train won't get to Rajajinagar. One that starts at Nagasandra and ends at Yeshwanthpur. One, starting at the Silk Institute, will end at Mantri Square. The train won't get to Rajajinagar, Mahalakshmi, Sandal Soap, and Kuvempu stations," said @Not Baba Rama-

“The RRV, after depot testing, was under mandatory trials from Peenya Depot to National College Metro Station at curve locations—BMRCL

dev» (@sachin_bs). According to metro officials, the road cum rail vehicle (RRV) getting jammed caused the snag.

"Today, the RRV, after depot testing, was under mandatory trials from Peenya Depot to Na-

tional College Metro Station at the curve locations during non-operational hours. During the trials at Rajajinagar, the rear wheel mechanism, which is a combination of road and rail, got jammed and could not be retrieved even with the help of the other RRV. In order to reduce inconvenience to metro commuters, metro train operations were carried out on a single line from 06:30 hours to 14:00 hours by following all the operating procedures between Yeshwanthpur at first and later from Rajajinagar to Sampige Road Metro Station," said the statement from BMRCL.

Heart attack response

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In order to track cases of heart attack at an early stage, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, along with the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, initiated the heart attack management programme in 45 taluk hospitals, including 15 in Bengaluru, Kalburgi division, and Mysore division. While over 25,000 patients had been screened for chest pain, over 600 were found to have had a heart attack.

The initiative is a hub-and-spoke model, wherein a third-

party agency is appointed if a patient goes to a taluk hospital with a heart attack and there is no cardiologist, trained doctor, or nurse present to give first-hand treatment in such cases. While the patient would be sent to tertiary care for the treatment, it would take more time for travel, and the patient could even lose their life. With this, the hub-and-spoke model helps the medical team of the taluk hospital to be well trained and to carry out clot-dissolving therapy in such cases. The plan is also to extend to another 45 taluks in the Udupi-Mangalore division, Chitradurga and Ramnagara.

CN Manjunath, Director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, said that each of

the centres is given a heart attack management kit, wherein an ECG (electrocardiogram) machine, pulse oximeter, mobile phone, and agency will transfer the patient's medical record to the tertiary sector.

The chest patients are taken to the taluk and district hospitals, wherein the appropriate treatment is taken forward, including thrombolysis treatment.

"The patients are referred to the nearest tertiary care unit, wherein the cardiologist sees them and treats them accordingly. However, with the immediate treatment in the golden hour, it helps the patients save their lives, and this is very important as to why we need to carry out such heart attack management



programmes," he explained.

The patient will be managed by the doctors at the taluk hospitals that are trained by TRICOG, a Bengaluru-based AI company, he added.

Dr Manjunath also pointed out that in 35% of cases in India with cardiovascular diseases, the golden hour in heart attack management is critical because it offers a narrow window of opportunity to limit heart muscle damage.

Careful, behind the wheel

Police officials, activists stress on need to put those seeking driving licences through scrutiny as city shocked by fatal accident

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In the early hours of Tuesday, a car collided with a truck on NICE Road, charring a 31-year-old woman and her two-year-old child to death. The shocking nature of the accident has once again put the spotlight on road safety, with the police emphasising that the process of giving out driving licences must be made stricter.

The father of the child, Mahendran, who was also severely injured in the collision, has been charged with reckless and negligent driving. The impact of the collision that took place at Sompura Clover Leaf Junction was so great that the car caught fire and was completely destroyed. It is said that when the car crashed into the truck, its driver lost control, and the truck flipped over.

This is just one of the multiple accidents that have rocked the city this year. According to the traffic police data, the city has recorded 560 deaths on the road in 2023. The data shows that out of 3,228 accidents that happened on Bengaluru roads, 543 were fatal.

The data also reveals that 2,773 people have been injured this year in road accidents.

Talking about the issue, an official of the police department said that the process of giving out driving licences must be made stricter. He added that Bengaluru



The car was completely gutted as it went up in flames after colliding with the truck on Sompura Clover Leaf Junction at NICE Road in the wee hours of Tuesday. The truck toppled onto the side of the road

roads are not for joy rides, but they are rather dangerous.

"The importance of driving safely should be added to the curriculum. Also, one should only get a driving licence if they pass the course. If to become a doctor or an engineer we require a degree, then why not a degree to become a good driver? The process of getting a licence is so hard in the US but here it's so easy and people who don't know how to drive properly come on to the roads and get killed or kill other people," he said.

In order to understand how easy it is to get a licence in the city, BM talked to an activist, who informed us that it's an open secret that certain driving schools use their connection with RTO officials.

"People come to driving school and the schools add the cost in the package that they will help the candidate get a learner's licence and later a driving licence. It doesn't mat-

ter if you are able to pass the test or if you are a bad driver, if you have paid the driving school, you will get the licence," he said.

He added that there are "marked" files in RTO offices, and those files don't go through so much scrutiny as compared to other files. "Someone who is not going through the shortcut method will find that their file is stuck in the office for a long time. They say on the paper that everything is made online, and it's an easy process, but the reality is quite different," he said.

The activist added that the idea of suspending licence is also only on paper, and despite engaging in rash driving, or other traffic violations, very few driving licences are suspended or cancelled.

The horrific accident

The family was travelling from Mysuru Road towards Kanakapura Road when the accident occurred a little

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—Activist

after 2 am. The victims have been identified as Sindhu, 31, and her child. Mahendran S, her husband, 35, and another child have been admitted to the hospital.

Sources claim Mahendran could have fallen asleep behind the wheel. However, according to police, the precise reason for the collision has not yet been determined.

The driver has been charged with reckless and negligent driving, as well as death as a result of negligence by the Talaghattapura traffic police.

Burglar caught, loot retrieved

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A man has been detained in connection with the theft of 2.5 kg of gold and Rs 10 lakh from a house in SRK Garden. A close relative of the victim, Mohammed Rafique, 30, has been named as the accused. According to the authorities, he broke into the residence when the family was away at a wedding.

Rafique managed to get a duplicate key to the property and had been preparing to burgle the house for the past three months. According to the police, Rafique had taken loans from numerous applications and was struggling to pay them back.

The family was away in Ramana-gara for a wedding when the theft happened. On September 25, when they returned, they saw that the lock on the main door was intact but jewellery and money was missing. The gold and the cash were intended for a wedding in the family. — BMB

Electronic thieves

The Sanjay Nagar police detained three college students for entering an electronics store and stealing items such as smartphones and smartwatches, worth close to Rs 50 lakh. Moulesh, 19, Prabhu, 20, and Ajay, 19, are the accused.

The two other suspects, B.Com students, were forced to join the main suspect Prabhu, a BCA student, according to the police. The incident took place on September 28 in the late hours of the night. The trio, who live in and around Madiwala, broke into the Gadgets Club on New BEL Road. The police have seized 202 different types of smartwatches, various laptops and handycams, 29 Apple iPhones, three OnePlus phones, 11 Samsung phones, three Google phones, four Oppo phones, and two IQOO phones.

Carpooling: When it comes to rides, sharing is caring

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With carpooling apps urging the government to view carpooling by whiteboard vehicles as a non-commercial activity, the state government is planning to study its legality. The decision is likely to be announced within 10 days.

The state government had previously refuted claims that carpooling is banned and clarified that only carpooling by non-commercial vehicles is illegal and it might attract fines up to Rs 10,000. However, now the government is going to study the legality of carpooling using white-board vehicles after carpooling app representatives made a representation to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy.

The Principal Secretary has requested 10 days to study the arguments made by them.

Reddy told reporters, "We clarified the legality of carpooling and had asked carpooling apps to present requests regarding this. It has come to our attention that several apps such as Quickride, RideShare, Zoom, BlaBlaCar, and Commute Easy have been operating carpooling. We want to clarify that we are not against carpooling but it cannot be on a commercial basis."

He added that Quick Ride was permitted a yellow board licence in 2021. Quick Ride runs its taxis under yellow-board licences and the carpooling must be seen as a non-commercial activity, said Quick Ride's KNM Rao. Apps claim that the only fare cost is being shared. However, for 10 days, carpooling with no profit can go on normally.



As of now, according to sources, only Quick Ride has written to the government to reconsider the decision to ban white-board carpooling. In its letter to the Transport Minister, Quick Ride claimed that carpooling was a non-commercial activity, and they argued that the app restricts activities to prevent turning it into a commercial activity. They urged that carpooling is done only twice a day

and runs on pre-defined and pre-published routes. For rides, Quick Ride provides points to carpoolers. The carpooler can charge 0-6 km per km and by default charges 4 points per km. For handling app services, Quick Ride charges 5 per cent platform fees.

"Through carpooling on Quick Ride, users can't make any profit. Carpooling is a non-commercial and social service with the intent to share vehicles and share costs. It is similar to a group of friends coming together sharing a vehicle and sharing fuel costs. It is one of the fundamental rights for anyone, to be able to share a ride and costs," they said.

According to a paper published by NITI Ayog titled 'MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER ENABLING SHARED MOBILITY IN INDIA', "Ridesharing (carpooling and van-pooling) is similar to ridesourcing,

“Through carpooling on Quick Ride, users can't make any profit. Carpooling is a non-commercial social service”

—App's claim

in which trips are shared by travellers, but with the exception that drivers are not considered "for-hire", though they can receive some forms of compensation to recover their cost. Ridesharing can be acquaintance-based, organisation-based, or ad-hoc. In the case of ad-hoc, in Washington DC, drivers pick up additional passengers informally along their routes to meet minimum occupancy requirements for high occupancy vehicle lanes..."

Paw-tection for stray pals

BBMP launches pioneering 5-in-1 vaccine drive to control stray dog population

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Continuing their efforts to control the stray dog population in Bengaluru, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is gearing up to initiate a groundbreaking five-in-one vaccine program. The Animal Husbandry Department of BBMP is spearheading this unprecedented venture, aiming to acquire 1.4 lakh dosages of the combined vaccines using Rs 10 crore earmarked for the project in the last budget session.

Dr Ravi Kumar, Joint Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, BBMP, said, "We are ready with the documents, and the tender will be floated sometime this week. It will be a short tender of ten days immediately after we receive permission from BBMP's higher officials. The combo vaccine will protect against five deadly canine viruses, including Canine distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza, leptospirosis, and canine parvovirus. Anti-rabies vaccine will also be provided over and above the combined vaccine."

BBMP stands as the first municipal body in the nation to undertake the administration of a combination of core vaccines for stray dogs, marking a significant milestone in the battle against the burgeoning stray dog population.

"This is the first time a combination of core vaccines will be administered to stray dogs by a municipal body. Under our ABC/ARV program, we have already vaccinated 1.5 lakh stray animals in the city. As per the



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new census results, Bengaluru has 2.79 lakh stray dogs, and we plan to vaccinate 50% of this population with the five-in-one vaccine by March 2024. The rest of the dogs will also get it in months to follow," said Dr Kumar.

The vaccination drive will mobilise eight BBMP vehicles, each assigned to a specific zone. "Cases of Canine Distemper have been on the rise in Bengaluru, and this is the

main reason behind the introduction of this program. The CD is an airborne disease and gets transmitted very fast. We want to eradicate this disease and realise that vaccine is the only solution to achieve it. The drive will be taken up with the help of eight vehicles in the city. We also plan to conduct at least 50,000 ABC procedures this year," informed a BBMP official.

City-based animal welfare work-

ers and organisations have welcomed this move.

"The set of core vaccines is administered to every pet dog. We administer it to the stray dogs that come to our centre for treatment. It is a welcome move by the civic agency. However, it is equally important to keep track of time as these core vaccines must be administered annually.

Moreover, BBMP should consider prioritising young dogs (between three months and one year old) as they are most vulnerable to these viruses," said Sudha Narayanan, founder of CARE (Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre).

Some progress hits Jayanagar's 11th Main Road

After five years, BBMP begins much needed road work on 4th block

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After five years of waiting, residents of Jayanagar, particularly those residing on 11th Main Road in the 4th Block, are finally experiencing a sense of relief as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has initiated the long-overdue developmental work. The community is now eagerly anticipating the timely completion of the road project by BBMP authorities.

"The authorities concerned should have replaced old underground drainage pipes and water supply pipes long ago. These utilities were provided more than four decades ago. There was not much population and number of dwellings in

those days when these utility services were provided. Now, the population is larger, and number of dwellings also increased. I have brought it to the notice of the authorities on several occasions on the need to replace the old UGD pipes and water supply pipes," said KS Ranganath of Santhana Kalakshetra.

Appreciating the BBMP authorities and elected representatives for taking up the pending road work, Yatish M, a resident, has said that replacing UGD pipes and water supply pipes and developing the road would be a great help for the residents of the area. "The 11th Main is an important road in Jayanagar. I welcome the BBMP authorities and elected representatives' decision to develop this road," said Yatish.

While one side of the road in Jayanagar was developed over six years ago during MLA Vijayakumar's tenure, the other side has languished in pending development for the past five years, often delayed under various pretexts.

"I want to develop this 4 km road as a model road. It connects 15th Main Road and is a vital road in Jayanagar. The previous MLA did not



Construction work of drain is in progress at Jayanagar 4th block after several setbacks

take up the work due to the reasons best known to her. The existing water supply pipes and UGD pipes are under trees. New UGD and water supply pipes are being laid to avoid sewage overflowing from manholes. All these years, a stretch of this road is known for sewage overflowing from manholes," said CK Ramamurthy, Jayanagar MLA.

The MLA said there would be no need to cut the road for water supply connection or UGD connection in future. "Generally, UGD pipes will be on one side of the road and water supply pipes on the other. However, this road has two utilities – UGD and water supply pipes – on the same side, thus avoiding road cutting for new connections," said the MLA.

Assuring that the ongoing drain work, laying of UGD and water supply pipes and asphaltting the road would be completed in three months, he said, "I have advised traffic police to avoid traffic jams on this road while the work is in progress. I appeal to the public to cooperate with the contractor and workers to complete the work as per the schedule".

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Dangerous path Double Road



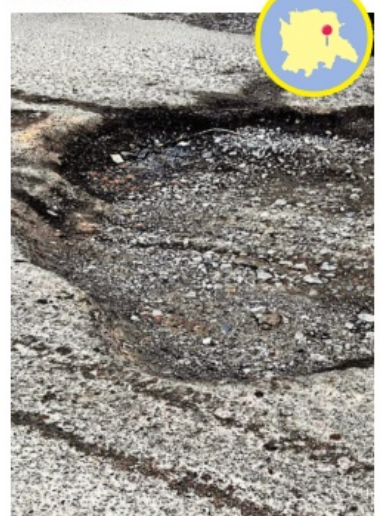
The footpath near St. Joseph's College, near Double Road junction, remains perilous, with lack of repairs posing a significant danger.

Pavement crisis Sanjay Nagar



The hazardous footpath on Sanjay Nagar 80 Feet Main Road needs immediate attention.

Pothole plight Bellandur



Urgent repairs are needed for the road with massive potholes in Green Glen Layout, Bellandur.

Renewal project to breathe life into Venkatappa Art Gallery

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The renowned Venkatappa art gallery, founded in 1975 to showcase the works of Karnataka's acclaimed artist, K Venkatappa, had sadly fallen into a state of disrepair over the years. Several artists voiced concerns about its neglected condition. The Department of Archaeology Heritage and Museum cited budgetary constraints for the lack of maintenance. However, after a prolonged period, the gallery is set to undergo a much-awaited restoration, thanks to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding. This renewal

project aims to revive the gallery's historical character while ushering in a fresh and revitalised look. Following the submission and approval of a restoration proposal several months ago, extensive consultations with artists were held, leading to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Several issues plaguing the gallery were highlighted, including leaky ceilings, numerous wall cracks, dysfunctional lifts, and inadequate electricity supply. Artists had voiced their concerns, emphasising the need for urgent refurbishment. Addressing these pressing challenges, The Brigade Foundation, the CSR arm of the Brigade Group, partnered with

the Department of Archaeology, Museums, and Heritage to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the renovation of the gallery.

However, it has been decided to carry out various civil repairs to enhance the gallery display and preservation of artwork. "The Brigade Foundation will renovate Venkatappa Art Gallery in the coming two

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to three months, with a projected completion timeline of nine to ten months from the commencement date of work at the site. The restoration work will include repairing the museum's infrastructure, including civil repairs to public amenities and enhancing gallery displays per required standards to help preserve artworks. We will also be improving external landscaping. All this will be done while retaining the museum's cherished character," said Vineet Verma, Trustee, Brigade Foundation.

Speaking about the restoration, Artist Paramesh Jolad said, "It is overwhelming for us that restoration works would be carried out. People had stopped coming to the gallery,



and the artists had even stopped performing. We had fought a lot to retain the gallery, and now, finally, we will see if it is happening. The department officials met us along with the brigade foundation officials and discussed the plan. We were satisfied with their project and gave our thoughts on a few changes."

No more dumping

BBMP to fine, take legal action against illegal tossing out of construction debris

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Construction and demolition (C&D) debris have been causing significant blockages on key roads and lake bunds in and around the city. Piles of C&D debris often damage the roadsides, lake bunds, and vacant areas. This has been an eyesore and a source of environmental concerns and road accidents. However, those engaging in indiscriminate dumping of debris on the roadsides will now face deterrent measures, thanks to the proactive efforts of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Solid Waste Management Department.

BBMP SWM Joint Commissioner issued a notification on September 18 narrating preventive measures taken to avoid dumping C&D waste on the roadsides, vacant places, and lake bunds. The Special Commissioner has made it clear that producers of C&D waste (property owners or contractors) have to dispose of the C&D waste scientifically. "It is their responsibility to take the construction waste to the designated locations. Dumping of construction waste at drains, roadsides, lake bund and other locations is prohibited under the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, and those who dump waste are liable for punishment and also to be penalised," said the Joint Commissioner (SWM) in the notification.

The Joint Commissioner (SWM) said that those found dumping construction waste must pay Rs



BBMP Marshals penalising a person for dumping debris at Whitefield; C&D debris dumped on Vengai Lake bund on Old Madras Road



in public places instead of designated locations. As per the norms, the construction waste must be sent to waste processing units set up at Chikkajala and Kannur. While the Chikkajala waste processing unit has a capacity of 1,000 tonnes per day, the unit set up at Kannur can process 750 tonnes of construction waste per day.

"I welcome the BBMP Solid Waste Management Department for taking measures to avoid dumping construction waste in public places. I want the BBMP authorities to enforce the Solid Waste Management Rules and penalise those responsible for dumping waste at public places," said Shobha Bhat of Usiru Foundation.

Expressing concern over the indiscriminate dumping of construction waste on Vengai Lake bund on Old Madras Road, Balaji Raghobam, a lake activist, has said that Old Madras Road has become a destination for dumping construc-

Dumping of construction waste at many locations is prohibited under the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016
—Joint Commissioner (SWM)

tion waste. "I have been requesting NHAI authorities to install crash barriers along Vengai Lake bund to prevent truck or tractor drivers from dumping construction waste on the lake bund. There is C&D debris mafia which threatens people who inform police about dumping construction waste on the lake bund," said Balaji.

Meanwhile, BBMP Joint Commissioner (SWM) Prathibha has said that BBMP Marshals have collected Rs 50,000 from people responsible for dumping construction waste at a vacant place at Whitefield. "We have decided to step up vigil against those dumping construction waste on the roadside, lake bunds, and drains," he added.

IN BRIEF

Bengaluru police adopts E-Office

The Bengaluru police have always been at the forefront of leveraging technology, be it for traffic management or crime detection. To enhance efficiency and reduce the clutter in police stations, the department is embracing the future by implementing E-Office. This move eliminates the necessity of manually transporting files from one station to another, resulting in increased efficiency and seamless policing, one station at a time, according to Police Commissioner B Dayananda.

"We have also introduced the e-office to the divisional offices, and all the DCP offices will be using it. Now, files can be moved from the DCP office to the commissioners' office without physically moving them; we have stopped receiving physical files of certain categories. Along with that, now the task of carrying files from one office to another has also been reduced," he said.

Commissioner Dayananda mentioned that this system will soon be extended to all police stations across the city.

— BMB

Search for B'luru trekker: Body spotted

A rescue team trying to trace the trekker from Bengaluru who went missing near Manali last week has spotted a body close to the Jogini waterfall, police said on Tuesday.

Efforts are underway to ascertain if it is the body of Rahul Ramesh (35), who went missing on September 28 after he went trekking near Manali, authorities added. The body spotted by the rescue team is 400 metres down the cliff, so retrieving it is a tedious task. Police personnel and mountaineers are trying to reach the spot, DSP Manali KD Sharma told PTI on Tuesday.

"It is difficult to go down as there are no natural anchors on the cliff, and several ropes have to be tied to get down," said heli-skiing guide and mountaineer Chuni Thakur, whose team is assisting the police.

— PTI

Soon, Karnataka to hit the waterway

Latest initiatives include enhancing river stretches for cost-effective and sustainable transport, expanding waterway connectivity

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We have heard of national highways and even expressways but soon we will be having national waterways.

Many river courses in the State have been designated as waterways. As per the latest report, there are many projects taken up to improve these waterways. To begin with, the proposal is to improve the Ghataprabha River stretch from Almatti to Bagalkot (National Waterway 41) for Rs 12.20 crore. "Another project focuses on the development of the Kali River, at an investment of Rs 14.46 crore (National Waterway 52).

For those travelling from Bengaluru and other places to Almatti to enjoy the backwaters, there are plans to develop a 15-kilometre waterway between the Almatti backwaters and the Herkal Bridge cum barrage under the Sagarmala project, with an estimated cost of Rs 12.2 crore. Officials are planning to build jetty stations at both Almatti and Herkal, which will facilitate transportation of boats and barges. Additionally, there is a proposal to allow seaplane landings at the Almatti backwaters.

An official said, "We are also working on the Gurupura River (National Waterway 43) with a budget of Rs 29.62 crore, and the Aghanashini River (Tadadadi to Aghanashini) in Uttara Kannada district with an allocated cost of Rs 20 crore.

To support these initiatives, we



are constructing 11 floating jetties. To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, the National Waterways Act of 2016 declared 111 waterways as National Waterways (NWs), effective from April 12, 2016," explained a senior official.

"Based on the techno-economic feasibility assessment by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), 23 NWs have been found viable for cargo and passenger movement. Out of these, developmental activities have been initiated in 13 NWs. In Karnataka, the Kali River has been designated as National Waterway 52, spanning 53 kilometres from Kodasalli dam to Sadashivagad bridge."

As per the latest reply in the Lok Sabha, the development of National

Waterways aims to promote environment-friendly and efficient modes of inland water transport (IWT) that complement the existing rail and road transport systems, wherever feasible. It is important to note that

National waterways of Karnataka

Bheema (NW 21 - 139 KM)
Ghataprabha (NW 41 - 112 KM)
Gurupur (NW 43 - 10 KM)
Kabini (NW 51 - 23 KM)
Kali (NW 52 - 53 KM)
Malaprabha (NW 67 - 94 KM)
Panchagangavali
(Panchagangoli) (NW 76 - 23 KM)
Sharavati (NW 90 - 29 KM)
Tungabhadra (NW 104 - 232 KM)
- Karnataka, Telangana & AP
Udyavara (NW 105 - 15 KM)

the development of National Waterways is not linked to river-linking projects.

"The benefits of waterways extend beyond their economic advantages; they are also environmentally friendly," highlighted the official.

"According to the Centre, the operating cost of a waterway is only 0.0048 litres per tonne-kilometre (TKM), compared to 0.0313 litres per TKM for roads and 0.0089 litres per TKM for railways. Similarly, the vehicle operating cost for waterways is Rs 0.843 per TKM, while for roads it is Rs 1.170 per TKM and for railways, it is Rs 1.009 per TKM. Moreover, waterway accidents are negligible, with road accidents at 0.620 per TKM and rail accidents at 0.0010 per TKM," added an official.

This plaza is not a public place



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It further claimed the plaza is brought to life with a sculpture inspired from the concept of sustainable mobility, well lit with pedestrian scale lighting.

Now the project stands completed and is currently being maintained by DULT.

However, it is not clear what type of maintenance is being done by the civic body as the plaza remains inaccessible to the public even after work completed more than eight months ago.

DULT got administrative approval in October 2021 but the developmental works began in December 2021. Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) was assigned to develop the plaza.

The development of the plaza was supposed to be completed in three months. However, the KRIDL took more than a year to finish the project due to the reasons best known to it.

"We expected the DULT to open the plaza to the public back in January 2023 but it is yet to be done even after nine months. It will benefit many people who visit the VV Tower complex for various purposes," said Suman K, a visitor.

Prabhuswamy N, another visitor, said the authorities concerned, including the minister for urban development, have to take measures to throw the public plaza open to the public: "It will not take much time for either the minister concerned or authorities to open the plaza to the public as it is situated a stone's throw away from the Vidhana Soudha. What is the use of spending lakhs of rupees if the plaza remains closed for the public?" wondered Prabhuswamy.

However, DULT commissioner Deepa Cholan was not available for comment.

IISc scientists develop particle to degrade chemicals in effluents

Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed an economically viable and simple procedure to treat industrial effluents. The team of researchers from the Materials Research Centre (MRC) of IISc has come up with a new type of artificial enzyme that can degrade dangerous chemicals in industrial wastewater in the presence of sunlight, thereby reducing its toxicity.

According to the researchers, enzymes are proteins that catalyze a majority of biological reactions in living systems. However, the practical use of natural enzymes is greatly hindered by certain inherent limitations such as sensitivity to breakdown or damage, complex production procedures, high costs, and difficulties in recycling.

However, nano-sized artificial

enzymes or "nanozymes" manufactured in the lab can mimic such natural enzymes and overcome these practical challenges.

"Mass-production of natural enzymes is an expensive and time-consuming process. It's a long process and it is difficult to make enzymes in more than milligram amounts. Another problem is storage. Most of the natural enzymes are temperature-sensitive and require storage at cooler temperatures, often as low as -20°C," said Subinoy Rana, assistant professor at MRC and corresponding author of the study.

In the current study, the IISc team synthesised a platinum-containing nanozyme called NanoPtA, which can be converted into powder form for industrial use. It mimics the function of natural enzymes that remove hydrogen from substrates in the pres-



ence of oxygen to give water. This nanozyme is not only highly specific in breaking down certain substrates but is also robust because it can with-

stand a range of pH and temperature changes.

The team tested the nanozyme's effect on common effluents that pollute water, like phenols and dyes. They found that it could degrade even smaller (micromolar) quantities of phenols and dyes within ten minutes when placed under sunlight.

The researchers also found that the NanoPtA complex was quite stable, lasting for up to 75 days at room temperature. "Proteins are generally stored at -20°C or 4°C, but in this case, it can be stored at room temperature," says Rana. In fact, the NanoPtA was stable for more than six months at room temperature, the researchers found.

The team believes that the nanozyme is not only useful for breaking down toxic pollutants but can also have applications in health-

care. They tested its ability to oxidize neurotransmitters like dopamine and adrenaline - when oxidised, these molecules show a change in colour in solution, which can then be used to measure their concentration.

Measuring these neurotransmitters using such nanozymes can potentially be a useful diagnostic tool for neurological and neurodegenerative diseases, he adds. "This is important because these neurotransmitters are associated with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's disease, and cardiac arrest," says Rohit Kapila, first author and PhD student at MRC, IISc.

The researchers plan to patent the nanozyme, as they believe it can be readily manufactured in large quantities on an industrial scale. The team is also looking at less expensive metal alternatives to platinum in the nanozyme complex.

BMB



Telling people who have donated blood when and where the blood was used makes them more likely to do it again, according to our new study. Donors who got details like the date and the hospital were 10% more likely to donate again than people who were just thanked.

Together with University of Hamburg marketing scholars Bersarta Veseli and Michel Clement, we conducted real-world studies, backed by an online experiment.

Working with the Austrian Red Cross, we looked at whether nearly 75,000 people who had donated in the prior two years would return to give blood. They were either simply thanked or they also were given specific information about the date their blood was used and the name of the hospital where that happened. Those receiving specific information were 10% more likely to donate again than the thanks-only group.

The Austrian Red Cross also helped us see the role of timing in another study. The organization sent people a short text message, including the date when a donation was used and the hospital name, either three weeks after their donation or 10 days before they could donate again – roughly one month apart. Getting those details 10 days before they could donate again made them 63% less likely to give blood again compared to people who received the same message three weeks after their last donation.

In an additional study, we worked with the German Red Cross, which sent information to over 16,000 people who had not donated blood for over two years. They were either thanked for their previous donation, thanked and told how their blood was used, or thanked and told how their next donation would be used. These former blood donors were 11% more likely to donate again when they were told how their blood was used in the past compared to those who were just thanked or told how their future donation could be used.

To understand what drives this effect, we conducted an online experiment with nearly 500 people

THERE SHOULD BE BLOOD

Being told where their blood ends up encourages donors to give again – new research



ple who had previously donated blood through the German Red Cross. When these people were prompted to imagine they had

received a text message with details about the use of blood they had donated in the past, they felt like the organization cared

about them more. Consequently, they said they'd be more likely to donate again.

Why it matters

Based on our initial findings, the Austrian Red Cross replaced its traditional thank-you message with information about when and where the blood was used. While we did not work with the American Red Cross, its app notifies people of the hospital where their blood is used.

If giving donors more information about how their blood was used boosts blood donations, it can save lives.

Although nearly half of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, less than 10% donate at least once a year. Among those who give blood, there are some restrictions in place, such as requiring that donors wait at least 56 days before they do it again.

And blood is in constant demand. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, platelets or both, according to the American Red Cross, a nonprofit that collects 40% of the country's blood donations.

Because not everyone who is eligible to give blood ever donates, there are periodic shortages, which have become more frequent. The Red Cross declared one on Sept. 11, 2023, which it attributed to "back-to-back months of almost constant climate-driven disasters" that made it harder for people who might otherwise have donated blood to be able to do so.

Chronic shortfalls can lead hospitals to postpone transfusions and surgeries.

What's next

Unfortunately, some donated blood is discarded rather than used in transfusions and other medical procedures. We plan to discover whether and how organizations that collect donated blood should tell donors when that happens with their blood.

We also aim to analyse whether telling regular donors repeatedly about their blood's use will make more or less of a difference over time.

Edlira Shehu, University of Groningen and Karen Winterich, Penn State, The Conversation



All you need to know about...

Lack of sleep & BP

Don't worry, go to sleep!

Women who struggle with getting enough sleep may be at greater risk of developing hypertension, or high blood pressure, a new study has shown.

Multiple risks

Women who sleep less than seven to eight hours a night are at a significantly higher risk of developing hypertension, revealed the findings published in the journal Hypertension. In addition, the team from Brigham and Women's Hospital in the US also found that women with sleeping difficulties had higher BMIs, lower physical activity, and poorer diets, on average and were more likely to smoke and drink alcohol and have previously gone through menopause.

Screening can help

"These findings suggest that individuals who struggle with symptoms of insomnia may be at risk of hypertension and could benefit from preemptive screening," said Shahab Haghayegh, a research fellow at the Brigham and Harvard Medical School.

Complications of hypertension

"Hypertension is associated with many other physical and mental health complications. The sooner we can identify individuals with high blood pressure and treat them for it, the better we can mitigate future health issues," Haghayegh added.

Disruptions

Notably, waking up early in the morning was not associated with this increased risk. "Sleep difficulties can also lead to a chain of events that can increase sodium retention, arterial stiffness, and cardiac output, potentially leading to hypertension. Disruptions to the sleep/wake cycle can also influence blood vessel constriction/relaxation activity and the function of cells that regulate the vascular tone," said Haghayegh.

— IANS

MIRRORLIGHTS

Obesity worsens bad cholesterol, raises heart disease risk: Study

Obesity-associated inflammation worsens 'bad cholesterol' and makes it function abnormally, increasing the risk of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and certain cancers, according to a new study.

Obesity is a public health problem worldwide that affects a large section and often involves hyperlipidemia (high concentrations of fats/lipids in the blood), diabetes, hypertension, chronic inflammation and oxidative stress, which increase susceptibility to cardiovascular diseases (CVD).

Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) is a nanoparticle that transports cholesterol in blood. While cholesterol is essential for normal

cellular function, excess cholesterol can, however, deposit in arteries causing CVD, and hence LDL cholesterol is dubbed "bad cholesterol".

The study, published in the Journal of Lipid Research, showed that in obesity, it is not the quantity but the quality of LDL that contributes to disease becoming worse due to obesity-associated inflammation.

"As a result, cholesterol delivery is shifted from normal to abnormal, so more cholesterol is retained in the arterial wall, ultimately forming plaques that occlude the blood flow," said Shobini Jayaraman, corresponding



author, a senior research scientist in pharmacology, physiology and biophysics at Boston University, US.

For the study, the team compared blood lipoproteins from patients with severe obesity be-

fore bariatric surgery and 6 or 12 months after were compared with lipoproteins from a control group of lean healthy subjects.

The researchers found LDL particles became dysfunctional and were less efficient at delivering their cholesterol cargo to LDL receptors. Additionally, the LDL particle also tended to either preferentially deliver cholesterol to scavenger receptors or stick to the arterial wall matrix.

"This aberrant behaviour stemmed from alterations in LDL biochemical composition induced by obesity-associated inflammation. These harmful changes contributed to increased risk of CVD in patients with obesity," added Jayaraman.

— IANS

Local learning: CBSE stresses on diversity

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has firmly embraced a diversified approach to syllabi, rebuffing the idea of a common curriculum. In response to a public interest litigation seeking uniformity in syllabi and curriculum across all schools, the CBSE emphasised the need for a multiplicity of curricula and resources, supplementing them with a "core element." This approach, the CBSE argued, takes into account the richness of local culture, context, and

language.

The counter-affidavit filed by CBSE not only sought the dismissal of the petition but also underscored the flexibility inherent in the national framework. It stressed that within the Concurrent List of the Constitution, the responsibility for framing syllabi and curriculum for their schools rests with the respective state governments.

The CBSE contended, "A child can better relate to a curriculum that is more closely related to his or her life outside the school. Therefore, the mul-

tiplicity of curricula and other educational resources is desirable in addition to a core common element."

The response clarified that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) develops a national curriculum framework, guiding the development of syllabi and textbooks for all school stages. States have the autonomy to adopt or adapt NCERT textbooks based on this framework. In alignment with the National Policy on Education (NEP), CBSE adopts NCERT's syllabi and pre-

scribes its textbooks for affiliated schools. The response also outlined the upcoming formulation of a new National Curricular Framework of Schools Education (NCFSE) for 2020-21 by NCERT.

The petitioner had argued that differing syllabi and curricula violate constitutional articles and the right to education. Advocating for a common syllabus and curriculum in the mother tongue, the petition aimed to foster a common culture, eliminate disparity, and advance the constitutional goal of

an equal society. The petitioner alleged resistance from "school mafias," "coaching mafias," and "book mafias" against the idea of One Nation-One Education Board, One Nation-One Syllabus, and NCERT books in all schools.

A city-based school principal said, "It is a welcome move, as the local flavour should always be in the syllabus. Though subjects like science and mathematics can have a common syllabus across the country, subjects involving history need to have local content. We need to teach more about our history than learning the histories of other states. This approach will help the students understand their local culture better."

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sreelekshmi Kochiyil** D/O Muralidharan Karumathil residing at 103, SLV Belmont, Basavanpura Main Road, Bhattarahalli, Bangalore have changed my name to Srilakshmi Kochiyil vide affidavit IN-KA02286824596242V dated 03/10/23 at Bangalore.

I, **Basanta Shambhunath Kar**, s/o Shambhunath Kar, r/o H1503, Godrej Air, Hoodi, Bengaluru, have changed my name to Basanta Kumar Kar.

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I, **PATIL SUJATA SHANKARREDDI**, residing at No.47, Prateek, Blue Moon Garden, Bengaluru-560097 have changed my name to SUJATA, vide affidavit dated 27.09.2023 sworn before notary V. Anjanappa, Bangalore.

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I, **Anasuya Basanta Kar**, w/o Basanta Kumar Kar, r/o H1503, Godrej Air, Hoodi, Bengaluru, have changed my name to Anusaya Kar.

I **Dinesha D S/o** Devarajegowda R/o #158, Balaji Homes, 4th floor, BEML 4th stage, Double road, Rajarajeshwari nagar, Bangalore 560098. Have Changed My Name To Dinesh D for all future purposes.

I, **VISHNU JADHAV M**, Residing at No7, Sneha Colony, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061. Have changed My name to VISSNU JADHAV vide affidavit dated 03/10/2023 before Notary Aravind Patil G.G Bangalore

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IN HIGH COURT

Govt told to ease travel for disabled

'Formulate policy to ensure safe and comfortable travel for disabled that would be a model to nation'

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday directed the state government to create a plan with secure procedures to facilitate comfortable travel for differently-abled individuals, including visually impaired citizens. The Court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) by advocate N Shreyas and Shreyas Global Trust for Social Causes.

Shreyas, who is a visually challenged individual, argued the case himself and said the respondents Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) do not provide audio directions to visually challenged passengers.

The same is, however, given by private cab aggregators who also provide a panic button for

The notice (on PIL) was issued to the Government on August 3, 2022 but it had failed to reply with its objections till now

— High Court bench

emergencies. The staff of the public bus operators are also unable to help specially-abled persons during rush hours. The petitioner further pointed out that similar programmes have been implemented in states like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. The bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit noted that the notice was issued to

the Government on August 3, 2022 but it had failed to reply with its objections till now. The Court observed that the State was not taking a serious view of the situation. Directing the State to formulate a policy that would be a 'model to the nation', the HC adjourned the hearing of the PIL by six weeks.

Relief for news anchor

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday extended the interim protection granted to Aaj Tak consulting editor Sudhir Chaudhary till October 9.

The HC bench of Justice Hemant Chandangoudar heard the counsel for Chaudhary, Uday Holla on the plea for quashing the FIR lodged against the journalist in the Seshadripuram police station here and adjourned the hearing after extending the protection. Chaudhary's counsel argued that criticism of government policies is permissible and it does not attract the provision of Section 153A (promoting enmity on grounds of religion) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) under which Chaudhary is booked.

He also pointed out that since the report was published on September 11 there has been no violence which means that people have taken it rightly.

The complaint was filed by Shivakumar S, the Assistant Administrative Officer of the Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation Ltd, alleging that Chaudhary in a programme on Aaj Tak channel spread misinformation on a government scheme.

— PTI

Caste census: State govt asks panel to submit report

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Tuesday that the Backward Classes Commission has been asked to submit the caste census report to the state government. "Once the report is submitted, it will be verified," he said. The move is likely to trigger a political slugfest in the state. Speaking to reporters in Belagavi, Siddaramaiah said, "The report was prepared during the tenure of former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy. H. Kantharaju was the Chairman of the Permanent Commission of Backward Classes. When he went to Kumaraswamy to submit the report, the latter did not accept it."

"The then secretary to the government did not give his signature to the report. The report will now have to be submitted

after getting a signature from the secretary," he added. Siddaramaiah maintained that he had initially ordered the socio-economic survey. Then Kantharaju was the President of the Backward Classes Commission. "The report was not fully prepared my previous tenure. Then Kumaraswamy became the CM under the coalition government and the Commission was headed by MLA Puttaranga Setty. The report was not taken," he said. The BJP had appointed Jayaprakash Hegde to the Commission. He had been asked to submit the report, but he had not given it, Siddaramaiah said.

The socio-economic survey, popularly known as the caste census, was conducted in Karnataka in 2015 by the Karnataka



State Backward Classes Commission (KSBC) headed by H. Kantharaju. Though Siddaramaiah ordered the caste census, he had to bend before the leaders of the Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities of his party who insisted not to accept the report.

Sources said the report stated that SC and ST groups form the majority in the state, followed by Muslims.

The Lingayats, considered

to be the majority population, were shown as the third largest group, while Vokkaligas, believed to be in second position, were shown in fourth position, sources said.

The facts created a stir in the state, triggering a huge controversy as the Muslim community was shown as having the second-highest population in Karnataka.

Meanwhile, Minister for PWD, Satish Jarkiholi, has said that the caste census is ready.

"It should be accepted and implemented soon. The previous Siddaramaiah-led Congress government had spent Rs 162 crore to conduct the economic, social and academic census in the state. We are under pressure to release the report," he said.

— PTI

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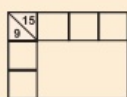


The petitioner had said that both BMTc and KSRTC do not provide audio directions to visually challenged passengers

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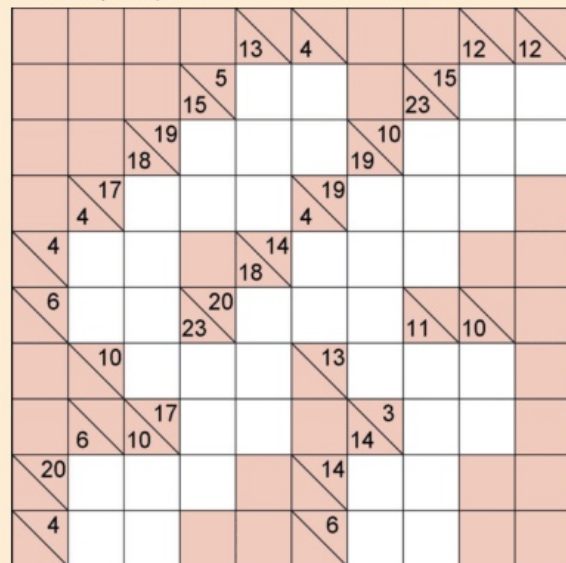
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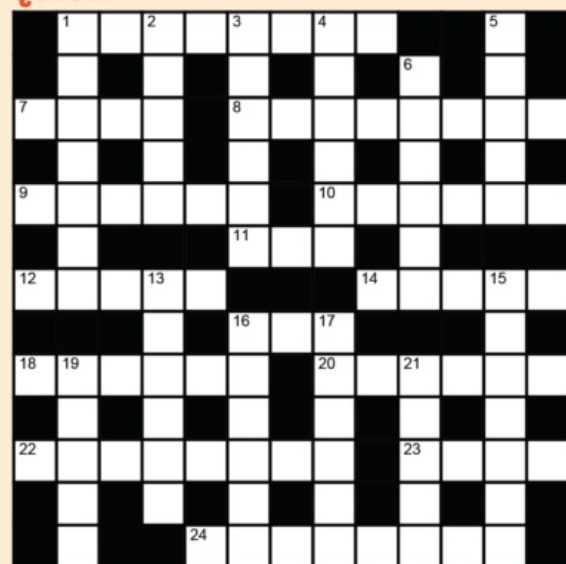


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- 8 Store that sells items suitable for presents (4,4)
- 9 Ten years (6)
- 10 Deleted (6)
- 11 Father (3)
- 12 Our capital New ____ (5)
- 14 Narnia lion (5)
- 16 Flight Control Sys. (3)
- 18 Oral or spoken (6)
- 20 Root vegetable (6)
- 22 Capital of Bosnia (8)
- 23 Children (4)
- 24 Shares a secret with; permits to participate in? (4,2,2)

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- 1 Toy dog breed (7)
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- 4 Used a trump on a bridge table (6)
- 5 Took an oath (5)
- 6 Tests ore for quality (6)
- 13 Bangalore lake-"Blab he" anagram (6)
- 15 ____ his advice : did as he counselled? (5,2)
- 16 Sheep's coat (6)
- 17 Bobbins (6)
- 19 Spot on (5)
- 21 Spoken for (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS O
MYCH YW UNN XNZIMYXVUHJ
BNU UN EH NKJHKMG.



Linemaro

Your voice is more soothing than Morgan Freeman's



Mindchow

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing



Joke of the day

My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I am right

Loop

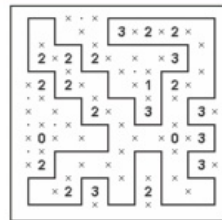
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

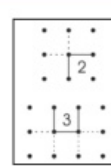
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



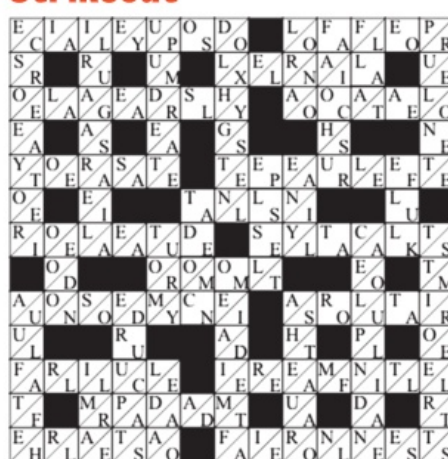
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

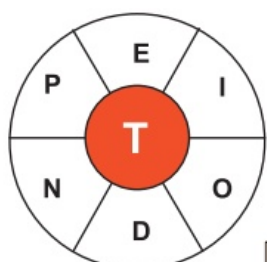
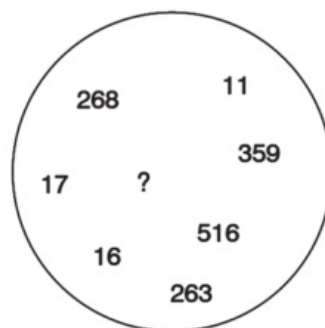
- 1 Lam up; 6 No reb;
- 7 Blear; 8 Hi tec;
- 9 So Hug

DOWN

- 1 Babes; 2 Mo lot;
- 3 Rah up; 4 Ruing;
- 5 Cheel

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

22 Average; 24 Good; 26 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

6 8 8 9 = 19

Medium

1 2 2 9 = 11

Hard

2 4 5 2 = 1

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tongue is different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Chair leg is moved. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Blinds are different. 6. Diploma is reversed.

Riddler

Using the chemical symbols, which month can be made from iron, bromine, uranium, argon and yttrium?

Alpha triangle

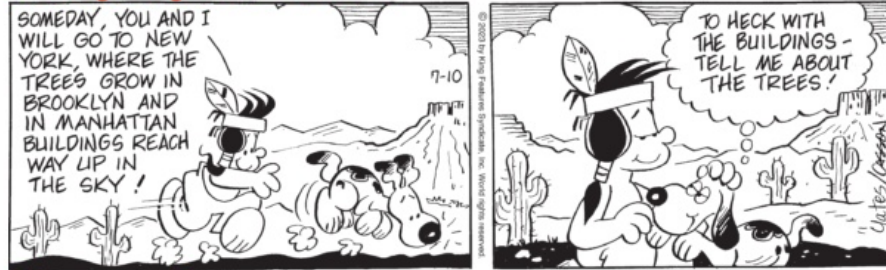
- 1 Five hundred
- 2 Act
- 3 Ares or Apollo
- 4 Noble metal
- 5 File a complaint
- 6 Entered in a ship's diary
- 7 Searched the Internet

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be

made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



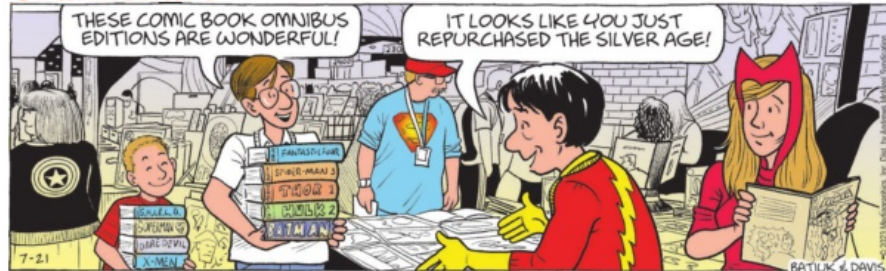
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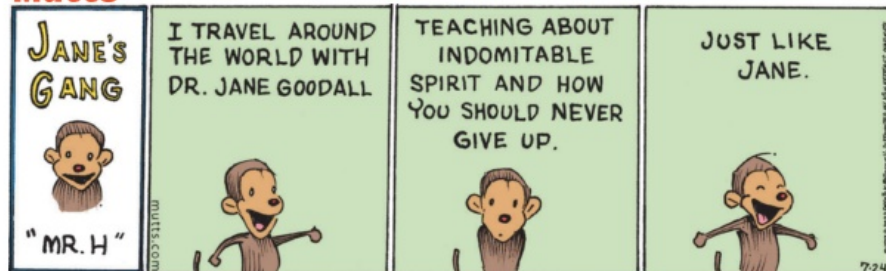
Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may find yourself in self-analysis, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear; you may succeed in achieving your goal. Your creativity might improve, and you will be interested in artefacts, movies, and glamour and real-life objects. You may feel some satisfaction related to your life. Your opponents are likely to be under control now.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you may be busy with family-related issues. You may make some important decisions on the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments in personal life matters. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you are blessed by elders. Your patience becomes very good, and your focus towards your work may be perfect. The parent's health will be good. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential people who may help you professionally. You may also enjoy your romantic moments, increasing harmony in domestic life.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you will likely use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus towards your goals may be good. Overworking may tire your mind, creating anxiety, restlessness and stress, which may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid fantasy in their studies and study with focus and dedication.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, your inner strength may help you start innovations on the work front. You may likely get a big order in your parental business, which will increase growth in the near future. New responsibilities in your job may make you busy. Job seekers might get a good job. Understanding with the spouse may be improved, which can maintain harmony in the family life.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may be spiritual and help needy people around you. You also plan to donate some amount to charity or religious places. Good karma may help you get success in your difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you that may help you in unpredictable situations. The occult may attract you. Students are likely to enjoy studying in depth.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may be dissatisfied. People around you may not cooperate with you, and you are advised to keep patience. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Making new investments in useless stuff may be a bottleneck for you. Students are advised to read their subjects with patience.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may feel dull; your health may not be good. You may be nervous. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important business or real estate investments. You are advised to avoid rush driving. You should avoid long-distance travelling also. You are advised to meditate; it will help control messy situations.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you may feel dull; you may be a victim of hidden fear, making you scared. You are not in the situation to trust anyone. Meditating and praying may help you to come out of this hypothetical situation. With the help of the elder's blessings around late evening, you may come out from this messy situation.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may be enthusiastic and more focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your subordinates may help you to start a new project, which may give you profit in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of jobs.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, a blessing from elders may make you happy; your investments may give you profits. Losses are converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future, too. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to your throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you may be busy at work, your network may be increased, and with the help of your network, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.



KIDZONE



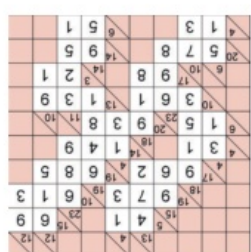
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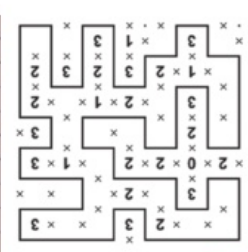
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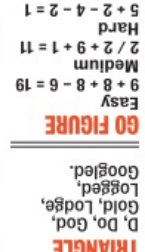
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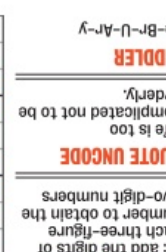
LOOP



ALPHA



SUDOKU



MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS' EYE



Zip, hip — American actor Zendaya stunned Paris Fashion Week in a white gown for the Louis Vuitton show. For the show on Monday, Zendaya donned a floor-length white dress with a double-zipper feature down the front that zipped from top to bottom

LI'L FANS OF STAR

Rashmika touched by young fans grooving to her hit track

Actress Rashmika Mandanna, who will be soon seen in the upcoming movie 'Animal', recently took to social media and reacted to a video of her fans grooving to her hit track 'Saami Saami' from the pan-India blockbuster hit 'Pushpa: The Rise'. The actress upon watching the video said: "So cute".

Recently, a couple of little girls danced to 'Saami Saami' in full vigour. The endearing video of these young girls dancing to the beloved track quickly went viral on social media platforms, where the hoard of little fans seamlessly imitated her every move from the song, pose by pose.

A social media user shared the video of these talented young dancers and captioned: "One more cutie added to the list. Craze for 'Pushpa' songs ain't stopping anytime soon."

'Saami Saami' has become a very popular track and numerous such videos have appeared on social media with various netizens giving their own dance rendition of the track. From fans to celebrities, almost everyone gave in to the allure of Allu Arjun's film and this track which ended up gaining the status of an icon.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Rashmika Mandanna is set to appear in the highly anticipated 'Animal,' alongside Ranbir Kapoor. The recently released teaser has garnered praise for the actress's appearance in the film. Additionally, she is also set to star in the film 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' which has become one of the most eagerly awaited films owing to the success of its predecessor. She will also be seen in the films 'Rainbow' and 'D51'. — IANS



It gets intense

Vijay Varma, one of Bollywood's most enigmatic and skilled actors, recently garnered immense praise for his performance as Inspector Karan Anand in the film "Jaane Jaan," where he shared the screen with Kareena Kapoor and Jaideep Ahlawat. Audiences and critics alike were captivated by his portrayal, and shortly after the film's release, the actor treated his fans to a glimpse of his rigorous training process for the role. Taking to his Instagram account, Vijay Varma unveiled a behind-the-scenes video showcasing his preparation for the character of Karan Anand in "Jaane Jaan." The video provides a sneak peek into the actor's dedicated efforts, featuring various exercises and combat training sessions with his coach.

In his caption, Vijay Varma acknowledged the substantial physical and mental work that went into crafting Karan's persona, expressing his satisfaction with the journey. He also extended his gratitude to the team that supported him, including the action director Prateek Parma, nutrition and discipline advisor Rujuta Diwekar, and trainer Ivan Fernandes, among others. During an interview with Film Companion, Vijay Varma shared his experiences of working alongside Kareena Kapoor in the film. He lauded her ability to effortlessly transition into character, mentioning her penchant for discussing food



— her favorite subject. Vijay Varma revealed how director Sujoy Ghosh would announce the readiness of a scene while they were engrossed in food discussions, and Kareena would seamlessly switch to her role, a testament to her professionalism. — ETimes

SHRUTI ROCKS

Actress Shruti Haasan has never been shy of showing her rock'n roll side these days as she has been frequently posting on her social media. This time, the actress-singer was belting songstress Bettye La Vette's song 'When a Woman's Had Enough'.

While the original track is more mellow and does not use much high notes, Shruti was singing it completely high and seemed to be doing more out of just casually enjoying herself rather than practicing it or anything.

On her Instagram Story, she posted her clip and captioned it: "Normal screaming mornings at home to annoy @santanu_hazarika_art on national boyfriend day."

Donning a black shirt



with a completely pixelated black and white background, the actress was merely dancing and letting her hair swing while belting

the song and grooving to it.

Before this also, the 'Gabbar is Back' actress had never made her love of rock a secret as she grew up listening to rock bands ranging from Nirvana, Rolling Stones, Metallica, Iron Maiden, Creed, The Beatles among other classic acts.

Back in September also, the 'Premam' actress had said that she likes working out with heavy metal music playing in the back which gives her extra boost and makes exercising a lot more enjoyable for her.

Shruti also has her own alternative rock band The Extramentals where she is the lead singer and has done various songs with them, including her big hit 'Edge', which currently is one of her better known songs.

The actress-singer, has also done playback singing in films such as 'Unnaipol Oruvan' and 'En Mana Vaanil'. — IANS

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Suspense thriller

A simple muhurat function was held for the movie Raavan at Sri Muneshwara Temple, Ullal on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. Hearing the title, don't assume that



the movie is a remake of the Tamil Raavanan that was helmed by director Mani Ratnam more than a decade ago.

Gurudatta SR is helming Raavan and it is expected to go on floors from October 28. Its shoot is planned in and around Wayanad in Kerala, Sagar and Sakleshpur in Karnataka for 50 days. Neelakanta Swamy of Kadur is bankrolling the movie while Jagadish is a co-producer.

"Raavan is my second movie as a director. My first movie Ms Nandini received a positive response from moviegoers. It was about the educational system in Karnataka.

The movie Raavan revolves around a murder mystery. The climax of the movie is finding the Raavan (villain) responsible for the murder. It is fiction and not inspired by any real incident. I want to show how police officials use different methods to solve a murder case," says Gurudatta.

Rathan Chengappa will play the lead and Tapaswini Poonacha of Harikathe Girikathe fame is paired opposite him.

"Rathan plays an investigation officer while Tapaswini plays a journalist. Sameeksha is the second heroine in the movie," the director said.

Any clues?

Mheet Karthik Raju, the son of a well-known producer Vizag Raju, who debuts as a hero in Sandalwood with Atharva. The movie is being made in Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi as well.

Karthik has acted in Telugu movies such as Kousalya Krishnamurthy, Operation Gold Fish, and Padesaave.

"My father has bankrolled successful movies such as Mane Devru, Haalunda Tavaru, and Karulina Koogu. Atharva is my debut movie in Kannada. By playing the lead in this film, I have realized my long-cherished dream of playing a hero in a Kannada movie. I had an opportunity to play a small character in Puneeth Rajkumar-starrer Veera Kannadiga," says Karthik.



Mahesh Reddy helms the movie that is scheduled for release in November.

Mahesh Reddy debuts as an independent director in Sandalwood with this film. "I am basically a software engineer. I worked as an associate for some directors. The movie is a crime thriller. It revolves around a department known as the clues department of the police," the director said.